Illinois State Symbols

State Flag, July 6, 1915



State Tree White Oak, 1907



State Flower Violet, 1908



State Song: Illinois, 1925

*Illinois*   
**Written by C.H. Chamberlain  
Composed by Archibald Johnston**

By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois,   
O'er thy prairies verdant growing, Illinois, Illinois,  
Comes an echo on the breeze.   
Rustling through the leafy trees, and its mellow tones are these, Illinois, Illinois,  
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois.

From a wilderness of prairies, Illinois, Illinois,   
Straight thy way and never varies, Illinois, Illinois,   
Till upon the inland sea,  
Stands thy great commercial tree, turning all the world to thee, Illinois, Illinois,  
Turning all the world to thee, Illinois.

When you heard your country calling, Illinois, Illinois,  
Where the shot and shell were falling, Illinois, Illinois,  
When the Southern host withdrew,   
Pitting Gray against the Blue, There were none more brave than you, Illinois, Illinois,   
There were none more brave than you, Illinois.

Not without thy wondrous story, Illinois, Illinois,   
Can be writ the nation's glory, Illinois, Illinois,  
On the record of thy years,  
Abraham Lincoln's name appears, Grant and Logan, and our tears, Illinois, Illinois,  
Grant and Logan, and our tears, Illinois.

State Bird: Cardinal, 1929



State Slogan: “Land of Lincoln”, 1955

State Mineral: Fluorite, 1965



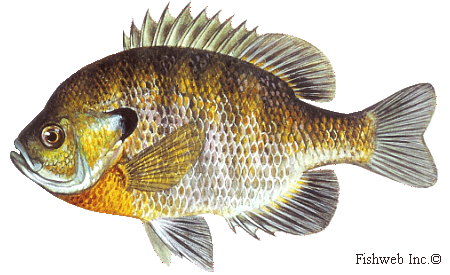
State Insect: Monarch Butterfly, 1974



State Animal: White Tailed Deer, Jan 1 1982



State fish: Blue Gill, 1986



State Prairie grass: Big Blue Stem, Aug 31 1989



State fossil: Tully Monster, 1989



State dance: Square Dance, 1990



State soil: Drummer Silty Clay Loam, Aug 2 2001



State snack food: Popcorn, Aug 4 2003



State amphibian: Eastern Tiger Salamander, July 2005



State reptile: Painted Turtle, July 2005



State fruit: Goldrush apple, Aug 21 2007



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